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1. WE HAVE GIVEN NO INDICATION TO ANY DELEGATION HERE THAT WE INTENDED ANNOUNCE VERY RESTRICTIVE APPROACH ON TWO AGREED CBMS JUST BEFORE CHRISTMAS BREAK. ON CONTRARY, WE HAVE ADVISED NATO COLLEAGUES OUR INTENTION TO AVOID EXPOSING DISAGREEMENTS WITHIN ALLIANCE ON APPROACHES TO CBMS.

2. GERMAN REP TO CSCE MILITARY SUBCOMMITTEE HAS TOLD US THAT GERMAN DELEGATION CSCE NOT SOURCE IDEA THAT US
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MIGHT MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT BEFORE CHRISTMAS BREAK, SINCE

NO ONE ON AMERICAN DELEGATION HAD MADE ANY SUCH STATEMENT TO HIM. HE, OF COURSE, NOTED FAMILIAR GERMAN DESIRE FOR GREATER US SUPPORT IN GENEVA FOR CONCRETE CBMS. THERE HAS BEEN MARKED GERMAN EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN MILITARY CONTENT OF CBMS. WE EXPECT THAT GERMANS WILL CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS TO SOLICIT GREATER US SUPPORT, AND WILL ALSO TRY TO ELICIT EC-9 SUPPORT. IT IS WELL KNOWN, IN ANY CASE, THAT MOST ALIES CONTINUE TO ARGUE FOR GREATER MILITARY CONTENT IN CSCE THAN WE DESIRE.

3. WITH REGARD TO FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL'S CONCERN THAT POSSIBILITY EXISTS SOVIETS MIGHT SEIZE OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT REASONABLE MANEUVER CBM, LEAVING US ISOLATED AND ALLIANCE SPLIT, WE REMAIN ALERT TO SUCH CONTINGENCY BUT THUS FAR SOVIET POSITION HAS BEEN MINIMAL. THIS ASPECT IS TREATED IN GREATER DETAIL IN FORTHCOMING MESSAGE ON ISSUES AND PROSPECTS IN MILITARY SECURITY AREA.BASSIN

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